

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF CUDAHY
CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE CITY OF CUDAHY,
5050 S. LAKE DRIVE ON MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Chairperson Dondajeski with the following members present: Ione Minster, Ryan Antrass, LaVern Dietzel, Tina Dondajeski and Tony Day. Cathy Baerwald was absent and excused.

OLD BUSINESS

RECAP OF SUMMER EVENTS

- Movies in the park were well attended even though the weather was uncooperative. The movies are well received by the public and they are requesting more. Discussion ensued regarding expenses.
- The change of the 4th of July parade to S. Lake Drive due to planned construction on S. Packard Avenue seemed to be well received. It may be necessary to keep it on Lake Drive next year as the street-scaping will be underway on Packard Avenue. Discussion ensued regarding logistical changes for the parade and park activities for 2012.
- South Shore Cycling Classic. Mayor Day reported that Lake Drive was very well received by the bikers and the announcers. The changes to the day were discussed at this time. It was noted that the Fire Department staging was not necessary because the event did not block the senior center at Washington Square. The Mayor stated that he suggested to the race organizers that they hire their own marketing firm. He also said there may be the possibility the YMCA along with a medical group may take over the race next year making it a couple day event with the bike race one day and a run the next. Expenses were reviewed at this time. The city is contracted for one more year with the bike race.

NEW BUSINESS

- The fall festival is scheduled for October 8, 2011. It will be in Cudahy Park and the committee is looking to expand activities. Typically, the event will run from 1 – 9PM. Discussion ensued. Need someone to be the games coordinator and a food and beverage coordinator. In the past, all of the volunteers from the friends group did a bake sale and sold hot dogs and brats etc. Moving to a different location (school grounds) was discussed to save on park fees. Collaboration with the school district was also discussed and further details for this year's events were also discussed.
- Hometown Holiday: Santa first followed by children's afternoon activities and entertainment. The school choir and string quartet played prior to the tree lighting at 4:30 P.M. followed by hot chocolate and cookies. Discussion ensued.
- New Years Celebration: There are thoughts of putting together a "family friendly" New Year's Eve community celebration.

Next meeting was set for Monday, August 29, 2011 for the Fall Fest subcommittee at 7:30 P.M.

Meeting adjourned.

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